Rural Reconstruction Committee and I understand that one of the terms of reference is to report on the question of communications. The first question framed by that committee is "what are the existing means of communications? Do you consider new roads and canals necessary? If you do, give details regarding them". This question broad-casted over the entire State should not fail to give us the necessary information regarding roads.

I therefore think that in view of the Rural Reconstruction Committee already appointed, it may not be necessary to have another committee, as its work will necessarily have to run on nearly parallel lines and hence superfluous. I beg therefore to oppose the resolution.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—To follow the advice of the Hon'ble Member, the Member for the Jews, I don't want to take up the time of the House at all. In the light of the assurance given, that a reference to the Rural Reconstruction Committee will be a sufficient inducement for the Government to take up this question in all earnestness, I do not want to press this motion. But I must add one thing. A mere reference to the Rural Reconstruction Committee will not satisfy the demands of the public. Things must be done and that as speedily as possible. No doubt ,as was said by the Hon'ble Member for Engineering, it cannot be said at any time that there are sufficient roads to meet the demands of communications. I respectfully ask the Member for Agriculture if it is in his knowledge that lands to a considerable extent, paddy lands to a large extent, are not provided with roads through which manure can be taken to the fields or the harvested crop may be taken away from the fields. I do not wait for an answer. I think I have fulfilled the purpose of my resolution by calling the attention of the Government to this subject, the importance of which cannot be over-rated. I do not want to answer the criticisms levelled against my resolution that it is intended more or less to find job for a committee.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Nobody said.

President.—Do you withdraw ?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I withdraw it.

The resolution was withdrawn with the leave of the House.

(8) Use of Chalakkudi water for Irrigation.

Mr. C. A. Kanjunni Raja.—" This Council recommends that an enquiry be conducted by an expert to ascertain the feasibility of using the waters of the Chalakkudi river for the purposes of irrigation."

In one of the questions to-day it is stated that the scheme is being investigated. So, I don't think it is necessary that I should move this resolution now. On a point of information, may I know whether there is any proposal to divert the waters

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to Travancore? Is there any proposal for the diversion of the Chalakkudi river to Travancore ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, the Travancore Government have proposed so. They put the proposition that they would like to divert the water of the Chalakkudi river.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will that in any way affect the waters coming for the use of those living in plains ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question of rights has got to be settled before utilising the water. These questions are now being gone into. While that is so, I cannot answer anything now.

The resolution was, therefore, considered withdrawn.

(9) Committee of enquiry for Co-operative Department.

President.—The next resolution is in the name of Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—I do not move it.

As the following resolution was not moved it was considered withdrawn:—

"That in view of the numerous allegations made in the Press and especially in the open letter published by certain non-officials including the President of the Central Co-operative Bank this Council recommends to the Government that a mixed committee of officials and non-officials be appointed without delay to enquire into the working of the Co-operative Department."

(10) Hoarded Revenue of the State.

President.—The next is Mr. Thomas Manjuran's resolution.

The following resolution was not moved and hence considered withdrawn.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran. — "This Council recommends that at least half the hoarded revenue of the State, hoarded during the last five years, be utilised for the more important public needs such as new hospitals and dispenaries, making of new roads and satisfactory maintenance of existing ones, development of irrigation facilities, opening better facilities for efficient sanitation, development of industries, etc., etc. This Council also recommends that whenever reproductive works of a commercial nature are undertaken by the Government, they should be mainly financed by earmarked loans raised for the purpose and not by the revenues of the State, hoarded or current."

(11) Economic Depression.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I move "that this Council recommends to the Government to appoint a small committee to investigate and report immediately the causes and the extent of the present economic depression in the country and to suggest remedial measures."

That there is a great economic depression throughtout the country admits of no doubt and requires no speech from me. I think every Member is aware that we are passing through a very serious economic depression and there is nobody who has

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